

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at lines 17-19 of page 11 with the following revised paragraph:

According to the invention, the secondary anti-oxidant is preferably selected from the group consisting of ~~fosfites~~ phosphites and thioesters. Suitable ~~fosfites~~ phosphites are for example disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,763,512.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 11 and 12 of the specification with the following revised paragraph:

According to the invention, the ~~fosfites~~ phosphites are preferably selected from the compounds according to formulae (III-V):

formula III

wherein R is a carbon atom, a nitrogen atom or an oxygen atom and wherein n is 2, 3 or 4;

formulae IV and V

wherein R₅ is a C₁-C₄-alkyl group and X is a group as defined above for R₂ of formula (I) or a C₆-C₁₈-hydrocarbyl group, wherein the hydrocarbyl group comprises one or more arylene groups. According to the invention, suitable ~~fosfites~~ phosphites are IrgafosTM 168, IrgafosTM 12 and IrgafosTM P-EPQ.